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Dr. Micheal Friedman, Commissioner
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Dear Mr Friedman

A downed animal is a pig, cow, goat, sheep or other farm animal unable to stand or walk due to illness. These non-ambulatory animals suffer greatly. They are often stepped on by other animals, dragged, thrown and sometimes left to die in stockyards or auction facility, with out food, water or veterinary care. There final suffering may last for hours or even days. Factory Farming may be one of the reasons animals may become to weak or sick they cannot walk. Many fear they may be infected with diseases that will eventually be passed on to consumers who eat animal meat. The "Mad cow disease" that infected cattle in Great Britain, and caused the halt of exportation of their beef, is just one of the serious diseases that infect farm animals. The prudent course of action would be to remove the chance of passing the disease to humans by removing from the food chain, any animal that is seriously debilitated.

I urge you to consider Docket No. 98P-0151 / CP1. Lets have downed animals euthanized humanly or given veterinary care to be given a chance to live.

"Poor animals! How jealously they guard their pathetic bodies....that which to us is merely and evening's meal, but to them is life itself."

(T. Caley Brennan)



Sincerely,

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